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# S. 1927

To increase the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 22), 1994

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DeCONCINI, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. JEFFORDS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To increase the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Compensa-  
5       tion Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND DEPENDENCY**  
2 **AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION RATE IN-**  
3 **CREASES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary of Veterans Af-  
5 fairs shall, as provided in paragraph (2), increase, effec-  
6 tive December 1, 1994, the rates of and limitations on  
7 Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation  
8 and dependency and indemnity compensation.

9 (2)(A) The Secretary shall increase each of the rates  
10 and limitations provided for in sections 1114, 1115(1),  
11 1162, 1311, 1313, and 1314 of title 38, United States  
12 Code. The increase shall be by the same percentage that  
13 benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Secu-  
14 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective  
15 December 1, 1994, as a result of a determination under  
16 section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

17 (B) In the computation of increased rates and limita-  
18 tions pursuant to subparagraph (A), amounts of \$0.50 or  
19 more shall be rounded to the next higher dollar amount  
20 and amounts of less than \$0.50 shall be rounded to the  
21 next lower dollar amount.

22 (b) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-  
23 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under  
24 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-  
25 able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public  
26 Law 85–857 (2 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of com-

1 pension payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38,  
2 United States Code.

3 (c) PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.—At the same time  
4 as the matters specified in section 214(i)(2)(D) of the So-  
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required  
6 to be published by reason of a determination made under  
7 section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 1994, the  
8 Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the rates  
9 and limitations referred to in subsection (a)(2)(A) as in-  
10 creased under this section.

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